

# APPENDIX

# DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION RULES

## Moving and Relocation Expenses

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### 599.714.1 Scope

(a) Whenever a permanent state officer or employee is required by any appointing power because of a change in assignment, promotion or other reason related to his/her duties, to change his/her place of residence, such officer, agent or employee shall receive reimbursement of his/her actual and necessary moving and relocation expenses incurred by him/her both before and after and by reason of such change of residence, subject to the provisions and limitations of this article.

(b) For the purposes of this article, a move occurs on the official reporting date to the new headquarters, and when a change in residence is reasonably to be required. Relocation shall be paid, when the following conditions are met:

(1) The officer's or employee's officially designated headquarters is changed for the advantage of the State, which includes the following:

(A) A promotion offered by any appointing authority, not including those movements that the employee could make through transfer, reinstatement or reemployment eligibility; or

(B) An involuntary transfer initiated by and at the discretion of the appointing authority,

(C) An involuntary transfer required to affect a mandatory reinstatement following:

(I) Termination of a career executive or exempt appointment

(II) Leave of absence

(III) Rejection from probation

(D) Any involuntary transfer required to affect a mandatory reinstatement following the expiration or involuntary termination of a temporary appointment, limited term appointment or training and development assignment when:

(I) The employee did not relocate to accept the appointment or assignment, or

(II) The employee did relocate, at State expense, to accept the appointment or assignment.

(2) The move must be a minimum of 50 miles plus the number of miles between the old residence and the old headquarters.

(3) Relocations that meet the above criteria will be fully reimbursed to the extent and limitations in this article.

(c) A change of residence is not deemed reasonably to be required for voluntary transfers or permissive reinstatements, with or without a salary increase, in response to general requests which specify that moving and relocation expenses will not be paid, or for any non-promotional transfer which is primarily for the benefit of the officer or employee.

(d) When an appointment does not meet the criteria in (a) and (b) the appointing power may, at his/her discretion, determine in advance that it is in the best interest of the State to reimburse all or part of the actual reasonable and necessary relocation expenses provided in this article as an incentive to recruit employees to positions that are designated by the appointing power as difficult to fill or because of outstanding qualifications of the appointee, or due to unusual and unavoidable hardship to the employee by reason of the change of residence.

(1) Relocations that meet these criteria shall be reimbursed only for the items in this article specifically authorized by the appointing power and may be subject to further limitations designated by the appointing power.

(2) Upon determination that any reimbursement will be made, the appointing power shall:

(A) Determine which provisions will apply to the relocation and establish any additional limitations to those provisions such as dollar limits, weight limits or time limits.

(B) Notify the employee, in writing, of specific allowable reimbursements prior to the move.

(e) Requirements and limitations specified in this article may not be waived or exceeded by the appointing power.

(f) Unauthorized relocation expenses and relocation expenses incurred prior to receipt of a written notice of allowable relocation expenses are the responsibility of the employee.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

#### **Section 599.715.1 Reimbursement for Miscellaneous Expenses-Excluded Employees**

An officer or employee who is required to change his/her place of residence according to Section 599.714.1 may receive reimbursement for up to \$200 for miscellaneous expenses upon submittal of documentation of the payment of all such expenses and certification that the expenses were related to dissolution of the old household and/or the establishment of a new household and were not otherwise reimbursed.

(a) Reimbursement for the installation and/or connection of appliances or antennas purchased after the change of residence shall be allowed provided no claim is made for installation and/or connection of a similar item in the movement of household goods, and installation and/or connection occurs within sixty days of the establishment of a new residence.

(b) Deposits are not reimbursable.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

#### **Section 599.716.1 Reimbursement for Sale of a Residence-Excluded Employee**

(a) Whenever a state officer or employee is required, as defined in Section 599.714.1 to change his/her officially designated headquarters and this requires the sale of his/her residence the officer or employee shall be reimbursed only for actual and necessary selling costs as determined by prevailing practices within the area of sale. Claims for reimbursement must be substantiated by the seller's closing escrow statement and other pertinent supportive documents. Seller's points are not eligible for reimbursement. Claims will include only those items which are listed in the following subsection.

(b) Actual and necessary selling costs are:

(1) Brokerage commission; and

(2) Title insurance; and

(3) Escrow fees; and

(4) Prepayment penalties; and

(5) Taxes, charges or fees fixed by local authority required to consummate the sale of the residence; and

(6) Miscellaneous sellers cost customary to the area, not to exceed \$200.

(c) Actual and necessary selling costs will be reimbursed for that portion of the dwelling the employee actually occupies if the employee or officer owns and resides in a multi-family dwelling.

(d) Commissions and fees will not be reimbursed if paid to the employee, the employee's spouse or the spouse's employer, or to any member of the household.

(e) Claims for the sale of a residence must be submitted within two years following the date the officer or employee reports to the new official headquarters. No extensions will be allowed thereafter.

(f) Rebates to employees will be deducted from the claim prior to reimbursement.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3517.8, 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

#### **Section 599.717.1- Settlement of a Lease -Excluded Employees**

(a) Whenever an officer or employee is required, as defined by Section 599.714.1(a) to change his/her place of residence and such change requires the settlement of a lease on the employee's old residence, the officer or employee shall receive the actual and necessary cost of settlement of the unexpired lease to a maximum of one year. In no event shall the lease settlement include any costs, deposits or fees.

(1) Reimbursement shall not be allowed if it is determined that the officer or employee knew or reasonably should have known that a transfer according to Section 599.714.1 was imminent before entering into a lease agreement.

(2) Claims for settlement of a lease shall include a lease agreement signed by both the employee and the lessor, and shall be itemized and submitted within nine months following the new reporting date.

(b) If an employee is required under 599.714.1(a) to change his/her place of residence and such notice to the employee is insufficient to provide the employee the notice period required by a month to month rental agreement, reimbursement may be claimed for the number of days penalty paid by the employee to a maximum of 30 calendar days.

(1) Reimbursement shall not be allowed for days that the employee failed to notify the landlord after notification by the employer of the reassignment.

(2) Claims shall be accompanied by a copy of the rental agreement, an itemized receipt for the penalty and the name and address of the individual or company to which the rental penalty has been paid.

(c) No reimbursement shall be made for forfeiture of cleaning or security deposits, or for repair, replacement or damages of rental property.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

#### **Section 599.718.1 Expenses for Moving Household Effects - Excluded Employees**

(a) For the purpose of these regulations, household or personal effects include items such as furniture, clothing, musical instruments, household appliances, food, and other items which are usual or necessary for the maintenance of one household.

(b) Household effects shall not include items connected to a for profit business, items from another household, items that are permanently affixed to the property being vacated or items that would normally be discarded or recycled.

(c) At the discretion of the appointing power, other items may be considered household effects based on a consideration of the estimated cost of the move and a review of the items listed on the

inventory. Expenses related to moving items other than those described in (a) that have not been approved by the appointing power shall be the responsibility of the employee.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

### **Section 599.719.1 Reimbursement for Moving Household Effects - Excluded Employees**

Reimbursement shall be allowed for the cost of moving an employee's effects either via commercial household goods carrier or by the employee. Reimbursements under this rule shall not exceed the cost of moving the employee's household goods from the old residence to the new headquarters plus 50 miles unless the appointing authority determines that a longer move is in the best interest of the State. Any additional expense associated with an interstate or inter-country move shall be approved in advance by the appointing power. No reimbursement will be allowed for the hiring of casual labor.

(a) When the employee retains a commercial mover, reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by a commercial mover under this article for the packing, insurance, one pickup, transportation, storage-in-transit (not including warehouse handling charges except when required by interstate tariffs), one delivery, unpacking, and installation at the new location of an employee's household effects shall be allowed subject to the following:

- (1) Weight of household effects for which expenses may be reimbursed shall not exceed 5,000 kilograms (11,000 pounds).
- (2) Duration of storage-in-transit for which charges may be reimbursed shall not exceed 60 calendar days unless a longer period of storage is approved in advance by the appointing authority based on hardship to the employee.
- (3) Rates at which reimbursement is allowed shall not exceed the minimum rates, at the minimum declared valuation, established by the California Public Utilities Commission for household goods carriers, unless a higher rate is approved by the Department of General Services.
- (4) Cost of insurance for which reimbursement is allowed shall not exceed the cost of insurance coverage at \$2.00 valuation for each pound of household effects shipped by household goods carrier.
- (5) Claims for exceptions to the 11,000 pounds statutory limit will be considered by the appointing authority, up to a maximum of 23,000 pounds, only when it has been determined that every reasonable effort had been made to conform to the limit. Exceptions to the number of pick-ups and deliveries may be made by the appointing power when it is reasonably necessary and in the best interest of the state.

(b) When the employee does not retain a commercial mover, reimbursement shall be allowed as follows for expenses related to the movement by the employee of his/her household effects in a truck or trailer.

- (1) Rental of a truck or trailer from a commercial establishment. When not included in the truck rental rate, the cost of gasoline, rental of a furniture dolly, packing cartons and protective pads will be reimbursed. If the total costs exceed \$1,000 the claim must be accompanied by at least one written commercial rate quote. Reimbursement will be made at the rate (including gasoline) which results in the lowest cost; or
- (2) Mileage reimbursement at the rates provided in Section or 599.631.1(b) for noncommercial privately-owned motor vehicles used in transporting the employee's household effects.
- (3) Reimbursement for more than one trip by the method described in (b)(1) or (2) above may be allowed if the employee's agency has determined that the total cost would be less than the cost of movement by a commercial household goods carrier.

(c) If household goods are moved exclusively in the employee's personal vehicle, reimbursement for mileage may be claimed at the State mileage rate. No other mileage or moving expense shall be allowed.

(d) All claims for the reimbursement of the movement of household goods require receipts. Unless an exception is granted by the appointing authority, claims shall be submitted no later than 2 years and 60 days from the effective date of appointment or 15 days prior to voluntary separation, whichever is first.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

### **Section 599.720.1 Reimbursement for Movement of a Mobile Home - Excluded Employees**

For the movement of a mobile home which contains the household effects of an officer or employee, and has served as the employee's residence at the previous location at the time of notification of relocation, reimbursement will be allowed as follows:

(a) Where transportation of the trailer coach is by a commercial mobile home transporter and receipts are submitted:

(1) For tolls, taxes, charges, fees or permits fixed by the State or local authority required for the transportation or assembly of trailer coaches actually incurred by the employee.

(2) Charges for disassembly and assembly of the trailer, including but not limited to, disassembly and assembly of trailer, skirts, awnings, porch, the trailer coach itself and other miscellaneous documented, itemized expenses related to the dissolution of the old household and/or the establishment of the new household, up to \$2,500 unless an exception is approved by the appointing power.

(3) Reimbursement will be allowed for the actual cost supported by voucher of rental and installation of wheels and axles necessary to comply with the requirements of Chapter 5, Article 1 of the California Vehicle Code.

(4) Three competitive bids shall be obtained and reimbursement will be approved at the lowest bid. Based on information documenting the attempt to obtain three bids as provided by the employee, the appointing power may waive the three-bid requirement.

(5) Reimbursement received under this section precludes any additional reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses under Section 599.715.1.

(6) Movement of the trailer coach at rates not exceeding the minimum rates established by the California Public Utilities Commission for mobile home transporters:

(7) Charges at P.U.C. minimum rates to obtain permits identified above;

(8) Storage-in-transit for up to 60 calendar days at P.U.C. minimum rates, unless the appointing authority approves an extension.

(b) Where transportation of the coach is by the employee, expense may be claimed for a one-way trip by submitting gasoline receipts.

(c) Reimbursement will not be allowed for:

(1) Purchase of parts and materials except for those items necessary to comply with minimum requirements of the California Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 5.

(2) Repairs including tires and tubes, and breakdown in transit.

(3) Costs associated with maintenance or repair of the trailer coach.

(4) Costs for separate shipment of household effects by a household goods carrier unless that is determined to be the most economical method of transport.

(5) Costs associated with the movement or handling of permanent structures.

(d) All claims related to the movement of a trailer coach and the household goods therein require receipts and shall be submitted no later than 2 years and 60 days from the effective date of appointment, or 15 days prior to voluntary separation, whichever is first. No extensions will be granted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference Section 19841, Government Code.

### **Section 599.722 Relocation Subsistence Reimbursement and Mileage - Excluded Employees**

An excluded employee is defined in Section 599.619.

(a) If eligible under Section 599.714(a), an officer or employee shall be reimbursed for actual lodging, supported by a receipt, and meal and incidental expenses in accordance with and not to exceed the rates established in Section 599.619(a)(1) and (2) while locating a permanent residence at the new location. Employees who do not furnish receipts for lodging may be reimbursed for meals only in accordance with 599.619(a). A permanent residence is typically an abode that is purchased or rented on a monthly basis, of a type that provides long-term living accommodations, where any utilities are hooked up (gas, electric, cable, phone), and mail is delivered.

(1) Reimbursement may be claimed for up to 60 days, except an extension of up to 30 days may be granted when the Appointing power has determined in advance that the delay of change of residence is a result of unusual and unavoidable circumstances that are beyond the control of the officer or employee. The maximum reimbursement to be received by said officer or employee shall not exceed the equivalent dollar amount of 60 days of full meals, incidentals, and receipted lodging.

(2) Interruptions in relocation caused by sick leave, vacation or other authorized leaves of absence shall be reimbursable at the option of the employee providing the employee remains at the new location and is actively seeking permanent residence.

(3) The relocation subsistence claim shall terminate immediately upon establishment of a permanent residence. The appointing power shall determine when a permanent residence has been established.

(4) Partial days shall count as full days for the purpose of computing the 60-day period.

(b) Upon approval of the Appointing Power, meals and/or lodging expenses, for up to fourteen days, arising from trips to the new location for the sole purpose of locating housing shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 599.619(a)(1) and (2), or 599.619(c)(1), or 599.619(d). Claims for reimbursement of meals/lodging expenses in this item are limited to those incurred after receipt of formal written authorization for relocation and prior to the effective date of appointment. The period claimed shall be included in the computation of the 60-day relocation period.

(c) Reimbursement for travel from the old residence to the new headquarters may be claimed one-way one time and shall not exceed the mileage rate allowed in 599.631(a).

Note: Authority cited: Section 3539.5, Government Code Reference: Section 19841, Government Code.

### **Section 599.724.1 Payment of Claims for Moving and Relocation Expenses - Excluded Employees**

(a) The Department of Personnel Administration shall be responsible for prescribing any specific procedures necessary for effective and economical operation of this article. Claims shall be made on authorized forms, scheduled in the normal manner and submitted through regular channels to the State Controller for payment. All claims must be substantiated by invoices, receipts or other evidence for each item claimed.

(b) Agencies may contract directly with the carrier for movement of household effects of officers and employees at state expense, subject to the same restrictions as if the shipment were arranged by the officer or employee and reimbursed by the State.

(c) If the change in residence results in the salary of the officer or employee being paid by a different appointing power, all allowable moving and relocation expenses shall be paid by the new appointing power except where the old appointing power agrees to pay all or part of the expenses allowable under this Article.

(d) Each department shall be responsible for insuring that upon notice to the employee of an impending move, a copy of these rules shall be given to the officer or employee.

(e) When exceptions have been granted by an appointing authority, the written justification of those exceptions shall be maintained with the applicable claims.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code. Reference: Sections 19841 and 19842, Government Code.

### **Section 599.619 Reimbursement for Meals and Lodging - Excluded Employees**

The employee on travel status shall be reimbursed actual expenses for receipted lodging, and for meals and incidentals as provided in this section, unless directed to travel under the provisions of 599.624.1. Lodging and/or meals provided by the state or included in hotel expenses or conference fees, or in transportation costs such as airline tickets, or otherwise provided shall not be claimed for reimbursement. Snacks and continental breakfasts, such as rolls, juice and coffee, are not considered to be meals. The circumstances of travel will determine the rate allowed.

(a) Short-term Travel. Reimbursement for short-term subsistence will be authorized only when the traveler incurs expenses arising from the use of reasonable, moderately priced commercial lodging and meal establishments, such as hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, campgrounds, restaurants, cafes, diners, etc. that cater to the general public. Employees who stay with friends or relatives may claim meals only in accordance with the rates and time frames set forth below. Lodging receipts are required. The short-term rate is intended for trips of such duration that weekly or monthly rates are not obtainable and will be discontinued after the 30th consecutive day assigned to one location unless an extension has been previously documented and approved by the appointing power. In extending short-term travel, the appointing power shall consider the expected remaining length of the travel assignment.

(1) In computing reimbursement for continuous short-term travel of more than 24 hours and less than 31 consecutive days, the employee will be reimbursed for actual costs up to the maximum allowed for each meal, incidental, and lodging expense for each complete 24 hours of travel, beginning with the traveler's times of departure and return, as follows.

(A) On the first day of travel on a trip of 24 hours or more:

Trip begins at or before 6 am: breakfast may be claimed on the first day

Trip begins at or before 11 am: lunch may be claimed on the first day

Trip begins at or before 5 pm: dinner may be claimed on the first day

(B) On the fractional day of travel at the end of a trip of more than 24 hours:

Trip ends at or after 8 am: breakfast may be claimed

Trip ends at or after 2 pm: lunch may be claimed

Trip ends at or after 7 pm: dinner may be claimed

If the fractional day includes an overnight stay, receipt lodging may be claimed. No meal or lodging expense may be claimed or reimbursed more than once on any given date or during any 24 hour period.



(C) Reimbursement shall be for actual expenses only, subject to the following maximum rates:

(1) Meals

Breakfast	\$6.00
Lunch	\$10.00
Dinner	\$18.00
Incidentals	\$6.00

Receipts for meals must be maintained by the employee as substantiation that the amount claimed was not in excess of the amount of actual expense. The term incidentals includes but is not limited to expenses for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and fees and tips for services, such as for porters and baggage carriers. It does not include taxicab fares, lodging taxes or the costs of telegrams or telephone calls.

(2) Lodging:

Statewide, with receipts. Actual up to \$84.00 plus tax.

When employees are required to do business and obtain lodging in the Counties of Los Angeles and San Diego Actual lodging up to \$110.00 plus tax.

When employees are required to do business and obtain lodging in the Counties of Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara, actual lodging up to \$140 plus tax.

If lodging receipts are not submitted, reimbursement will be for actual expenses for meals/incidentals only at the rates and time frames set forth in this section.

(2) In computing reimbursement for continuous travel of less than 24 hours, actual expenses, up to the maximums in (C) above, will be reimbursed for breakfast and/or dinner and/or lodging in accordance with the following timeframes:

Travel begins at or before 6 am and ends at or after 9 am: Breakfast may be claimed.

Travel begins at or before 4 pm and ends at or after 7 pm: Dinner may be claimed.

If the trip of less than 24 hours includes an overnight stay, receipted lodging may be claimed.

No lunch or incidentals may be reimbursed on travel of less than 24 hours.

(b) Long-term Travel. Reimbursement for long-term meals and receipted lodging will be authorized when the traveler incurs expenses in one location comparable to those arising from the use of commercial establishments catering to the long-term visitor. Meals and/or lodging provided by the state shall not be claimed for reimbursement. With approval of the appointing power and upon meeting the criteria in (3) below, an employee on long-term field assignment who is living at the long term location may claim either:

(1) \$24.00 for meals and incidentals and up to \$24.00 for receipted lodging for travel of 12 hours up to 24 hours; either \$24.00 for meals or up to \$24.00 for receipted lodging for travel less than 12 hours, or

(2) Reimbursement for actual individual expense, substantiated by receipts, for lodging, utility gas and electricity, up to a maximum of \$1130 per calendar month while on the long term assignment, and \$10.00 for meals and incidentals, without receipts, for each period of 12 to 24 hours; \$5.00 for meals and incidentals for periods of less than 12 hours at the long term location

(3) To claim expenses under either (1) or (2) above the employee must meet the following criteria:

(A) The employee continues to maintain a permanent residence at the primary headquarters and

(B) The permanent residence is occupied by employee's dependents, or

(C) The permanent residence is maintained at a net expense to the employee exceeding \$200 per month.

(D) The employee must submit substantiating evidence of these conditions to the appointing power in accordance with its requirements.

(4) Employees who do not meet the criteria to claim (1) or (2) above may claim \$12.00 for meals and incidentals and \$12.00 for receipted lodging for every 12 to 24 hours at the long term location; \$12 for meals OR \$12 receipted lodging for periods of less than 12 hours at the long term location.

(5) With approval of the appointing power, the reimbursement of long term lodging may continue when the employee is away from the long term location on short term business travel or other absences from that location as approved by the appointing authority.

(c) Out-of-State Travel. Out-of-state travel is any travel outside the State of California for conducting business outside the State of California. For short-term out-of-state travel, employees will be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses, supported by a receipt, and will be reimbursed for meal and incidental expenses as defined in Section 599.619(a). Failure to furnish lodging receipts will limit reimbursement to meals only at the rates specified in (a). Long-term out-of-state travel will be reimbursed according to Section 599.619(c).

(d) Out-of-Country Travel. For short-term out-of-country travel, employees will be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses, supported by a receipt, and will be reimbursed for actual meal and incidental expenses subject to maximum rates in accordance with the published Government meal and incidental rates for foreign travel for the dates of travel. Failure to furnish lodging receipts will limit reimbursement to meals only in accordance with the published Government meal and incidental rates for foreign travel. Long-term out-of-country travel will be reimbursed according to Section 599.619(a) through (c).

(e) Exceptions to reimburse in excess of the maximum lodging rate cited in (a) of this rule may be granted by the Appointing Power only in an emergency, or when there is no lodging available at the State maximum rate or when it is cost effective. The Appointing Power shall document the reasons for each exception and shall keep this documentation on file for three calendar years from the date of the exception.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3539.5, 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code.  
Reference: Sections 3527(b) and 11030, Government Code.

### **Section 599.631 Transportation by Automobile - Excluded Employees**

(a) Where the employee is authorized to use a privately owned automobile on official state business the reimbursement rate shall be 34 cents per mile. Claims for reimbursement for private vehicle expenses must include the vehicle license number and the name of each state officer, employee or board, commission or authority member transported on the trip. No reimbursement of transportation expense shall be allowed any passenger in any vehicle operated by another state officer, employee or member.

(1) Expenses arising from travel between home and headquarters or garage shall not be allowed, except as provided in 599.626(d)(2) or 599.626.1(c), regardless of the employee's normal mode of transportation.

- (2) When a trip is commenced or terminated at a claimant's home on a regularly scheduled work day, the distance traveled shall be computed from either his/her residence or headquarters, whichever shall result in the lesser distance except as provided in 599.626.1(c).
- (3) However, if the employee commences or terminates travel on a regularly scheduled day off, mileage may be computed from his/her residence.
- (b) Where the employee's use of a privately owned automobile is authorized for travel to or from a common carrier terminal, and the automobile is not parked at the terminal during the period of travel, the employee may claim double the number of miles between the terminal and the employee's headquarters or residence, whichever is less, at a rate as defined in Section 599.631(a), while the employee occupies the automobile for the distance between the terminal and his/her residence or headquarters. If the employee commences or terminates travel one hour before or after his/her regularly scheduled work day, or on a regularly scheduled day off, mileage may be computed from his/her residence.
- (c) All ferry, bridge, or toll road charges will be allowed with any required receipts.
- (d) All necessary parking charges while on state business will be allowed, with any required receipts, for:
- (1) Day parking on trips away from the headquarters office and excluded employee's primary residence.
  - (2) Overnight public parking on trips away from the headquarters and excluded employee's primary residence, except that parking shall not be claimed if expense-free overnight parking is available.
  - (3) Day parking adjacent to either a headquarters office, a temporary job site or training site, but only if the excluded employee had other reimbursable private or state automobile expenses for the same day. An employee may not prorate weekly or monthly parking fees.
- (e) Gasoline, maintenance and automobile repair expenses will not be allowed.
- (f) The mileage reimbursement rates include the cost of maintaining liability insurance at the minimum amount prescribed by a law and collision insurance sufficient to cover the reasonable value of the automobile, less a deductible. When a privately owned automobile operated by state officer, agent or excluded employee is damaged by collision or is otherwise accidentally damaged, reimbursement for repair or the deductible to a maximum of \$500.00 will be allowed if:
- (1) The damage occurred while the automobile was used on official state business by permission or authorization of the employing agency; and
  - (2) The automobile was damaged through no fault of the state officer, agent or excluded employee; and
  - (3) The amount claimed is an actual loss to the state officer, agent or excluded employee, and is not recoverable directly from or through the insurance coverage of any party involved in the accident; and
  - (4) The loss claimed does not result from a decision of a state officer, agent or excluded employee not to maintain collision coverage; and
  - (5) The claim is processed in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Department of Personnel Administration.
- (g) Specialized Vehicles. An employee with a physical disability who must operate a motor vehicle on official state business and who can operate only specially equipped or modified vehicles may claim a rate of 34 cents per mile without certification and up to 37 cents per mile with certification. Where travel is authorized to and from a common carrier terminal, as specified in Section

599.631(b) the employee may compute the mileage as defined in Section 599.631(b). Supervisors approving these claims must determine the employee's need for the use of such vehicles.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3539.5, 19815.4(d), 19816 and 19820, Government Code.  
Reference: Section 11030, Government Code.

## **AUTHORIZED RELOCATION EXPENSES**

Per Diem - Employees may claim up to 60 days while at the new location until a new permanent residence is found. Specific per diem allowances for excluded employee are listed below. Extensions of the per diem may be granted by the Department of Personnel Administration if the employee suffers unusual hardship. Requests for extensions must be submitted to the Relocation Liaison, on a Std. 256 prior to the expiration of the 60 day period. The Relocation Liaison will review the Std. 256 for completeness then forward to the Department of Personnel Administration.

Shipment of Household Goods - The State will pay for the packing, transportation, insurance, storage-in transit, unpacking and installation of employee's household effects. The employer will issue the relocating employee a "Moving Service Authorization" which the employee will give to any licensed mover. The Moving Service Authorization authorizes the mover to bill the State directly. There is no actual dollar limitation, (the State only pays minimum tariff rates); however, there is an 11,000 pound weight limit. If the mover estimates the weight of the household goods to be more than 11,000 pounds, the employee should immediately submit a Std. 256 with the mover's estimate to the Relocation Liaison. The Department of Personnel Administration may approve excess weight provided the employee requests the exception in advance of the actual move.

The State will not pay for the shipment of the following items:

Automobiles, other motor vehicles, farm tractors, implements and equipment trailers with or without other property, boats, all animals, livestock, or pets belongings which are not the property of the immediate family of the officer or employee, belongings related to commercial enterprises engaged in by the officer or employee, firewood, fuel, bricks, sand, ceramic wall tile, wire fence, or other building materials, wastepaper, and rags.

Storage in Transit - The State will pay for the storage of household goods for up to 60 days. Storage is limited to 11,000 pounds of household goods unless the excess weight has been previously approved by DPA. The storage company should bill the State directly using the authorization of the Moving Service Authorization. Miscellaneous items taken out of storage prior to the moving company delivering all household goods is not reimbursable and must be paid by the employee.

Sale of Residence - The State will pay for certain costs associated with the sale of the employee's dwelling which was his/her residence at the time of notification of the transfer.

Reimbursable costs are:

Brokerage Commission, Escrow fees, Title insurance, Prepayment penalties, Local taxes, charges or fees required to consummate the sale. Miscellaneous sellers cost up to \$200.00.

Non-reimbursable Costs are:

Seller's Points, Property tax, Repair work and re-inspection fees.

Excluded employees have two years from the reporting date at the new headquarters to submit a claim for reimbursement of seller's costs. There is no extension of the time limit for Non-represented employees.

Settlement of a Lease - The State will pay for the settlement of a lease which was entered into prior to notification of the transfer. Claims for payment of the lease settlement must be submitted within 9 months from the reporting date at the new headquarters.

Movement of a Trailer Coach - The State will pay for the actual cost of transporting the mobile home to the new location plus up to \$2,500 for disassembly and assembly of the trailer. Request for reimbursement in excess of \$2,500 must be submitted to DPA on a Std. 256 prior to the move; approval will only be given for the lowest of three bids. Household goods must be shipped in the mobile home unless DPA approves a separate shipment.

Miscellaneous - There is a \$200.00 miscellaneous allowance with documentation and certification, which is intended to assist the employee in establishing the new household. This allowance should be used to pay utility installation fees, appliance hook-up fees and the like. It is appropriate to use this allowance for cable hook-up. This allowance may not be used to satisfy deposit requirements. The allowance may not be claimed if moving a mobile home; hook-up, etc., are included in the mobile home set-up charge.

Mileage - The employee may be reimbursed 23 cents per mile for one vehicle to make one-way trip between the old residence and the new residence effective January 1, 2012. Anything over locating cents is considered taxable income.

Private car mileage for the purpose of locating housing at the new location is not reimbursable.

**EXPENSES INCURRED PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL TRANSFER CANNOT BE CLAIMED.**